

Portland Has a Sol Jacobs.

Portland has a Sol Jacobs, says the Portland Press. Of course his name isn't Sol, for there is only one great fisherman by that name, and he hails from Gloucester. Portland's Sol is Capt. E. N. Brown of the steamer of that name. There has been hardly a day since the fish began to school in the spring that he has not been in with a good fare. If the pollock were running, he had pollock. When the herring made their appearance, he landed millions of herring. And now that the shad are running in good shape, he is bringing them in by the hundreds of barrels. Monday he had 115 barrels of this kind of fish which he had taken in his seines. Capt. Brown, too, had about the first of the mackerel taken off the Maine coast this year. There were a few isolated ones brought in from the traps, but when he came in with 40 large ones a fortnight ago, there was general astonishment on all sides. Because he gets fish all the time and whatever kind there is, he has been given the sobriquet of Capt. Sol Jacobs of Casco bay.

Portland Fish Notes.

Five thousand pounds of halibut were taken out at Portland Monday from sch. Mursala for the New England Fish Co. Capt. Martin Christianson reported that he had been fishing for two weeks on Georges and had fine weather all the time. Several schools of large mackerel were seen. For the first time in a number of weeks, a good fare of mixed fish was landed at Portland Monday by one of the local fleet. The little sloop Rough Rider had 10,000 pounds, the most of which were large cod.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Bait is still scarce at Provincetown, although yesterday 100 barrels was secured by the traps. This was quickly snapped up by schs. Eleanor DeCosta and Philip P. Manta, which have been laying there waiting for several days.

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NO MACKEREL NOW REPORTED

FISHERMEN IN DARK AS TO WHERE FISH WILL NEXT APPEAR.

There is no encouraging news from the mackerel seiners this morning. Several of the Georgesmen arriving at Portland have reported the fish schooling on that ground, but the seining skippers seem to think that the fish will show on the Rips next, and they are none too pleased at that, as it does not argue for a long season and makes it sure that the fish will be wild and hard to catch and also hard to handle in the shoal water.

Some of the skippers now in have heard reports of fish being seen schooling off Chatham and are of the opinion that it will pay to have a good look across the bay after going out from here and also to cruise a bit off Highland light.

Sch. Ellen Maud was at Halifax, N. S., Monday with 4000 fresh mackerel caught in Terrance Bay.

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Fisherman Recovered.

William Welch, who was landed very ill from sch. Lucania, 11 weeks ago and taken to the Chelsea Marine hospital, arrived home here this week, greatly improved in health, and has shipped with Capt. Lemuel Firth in sch. Sylvania. Mr. Welch speaks highly of his treatment at the hospital and all his friends are glad to see him around again.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, Capt. F. P. McIntyre, and sch. Lochinvar, Capt. John Toothacher, finished their preparations to go swordfishing on Tuesday and were ready to leave as soon as the fog lifted. They will be the first of the Portland fleet to get away.

Steamer Water Witch Sold.

The well known fishing steamer Water Witch of this port has been sold to Capt. William B. McDonald, and Capt. Fred Carritt will fit her for shore seining.

ESCAPED GOING ASHORE.

Sch. Arthur D. Story Was in Perilous Position Off the Maine Coast.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Capt. William Sloane of this port, came very handy to going ashore Monday night on the rocks of Wood Island, on the Maine coast, to the westward of the entrance to Portland harbor.

The night was a very foggy one and there was hardly a breath of wind. The craft was bound into Portland to land a fare of halibut. It was thought she had sea room enough, but the sound of breakers not half a mile off her sea rail soon broke in upon the men and they could almost see the white foam on the rocks of Wood Island in spite of the thick fog. Fortunately there was enough wind to cause the schooner to answer her wheel as she came about and she was able to work off shore clear of the danger.

The schooner had been two weeks on Georges after halibut. It had not been a successful two weeks by any means. Dogfish were plentiful, sharks filled the water and fog and wind bothered everyone. A week ago during a heavy blow, the lower bobstay was parted. About the same time, when the schooner was riding at anchor, the cable became chafed, parted and the schooner was adrift. The anchor was lost and with it went 25 fathoms of cable.

According to the story told by the crew of the schooner, the waters on Georges were fairly alive with dogfish and mackerel and sharks. The ocean seemed to be alive with these two varieties of fish.

Halifax Fish Market.

Speaking of Nova Scotia fishing conditions the Halifax Chronicle says:

"The unsettled weather the past ten days has seriously impeded the drying of the new cure bank and shote fish, and expected arrivals have not yet shown up. However, after a few fine days, four or five cargoes will be on the market, and in the meantime exporters are able to fill their requirements ex a 3000 qtls. cargo now landing from St. John's, N. F. This cargo was originally intended for the Oporto market, but shippers doubtless found difficulty in securing advances against old fish so late in the season, and decided to market it in Halifax at what it would bring. Their move was a wise one, as prices here are certainly better than Oporto would net.

"Dogfish are reported quite plentiful on the banks and around our shores, and naturally are handicapping the fishermen in taking advantage of the large quantity of fish reported in all directions. Spring bankers are now away on their summer trips, and while bait in some sections is reported scarce, particularly in the Magdalen where it has not failed previously for 20 or 30 years, doubtless they can secure ample supplies on the Newfoundland coast, and everything points to a good all around fishery. Naturally, this has a tendency to depress present high values ruling, and on the whole it would be a good thing for the trade generally if prices did drop \$1.00 to \$1.50 a quintal.

Had Stormy Passage to Behring Sea.

W. F. Robinson of the Robinson Fish Company of Anacortes, Washington has received a letter from Capt. Fos of sch. Joseph Russ, of his salt cod-fishing fleet, dated in the Behring Sea, May 17, and brought home by another craft.

On the Russ are quite a number of well known Gloucester fishermen who left here last March to ship on the Robinson vessels to go salt codfishing. Capt. Foss writes that they arrived in the Behring Sea April 27, after a long and stormy passage of 25 days, and that on the day the letter was written their catch has thus far amounted to 30,000 fish in number, or 120,000 pounds in weight. All hands were well.

Sold Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, of the Georges handline codfishing fleet of this port, was at Portland Tuesday with 8000 pounds of salt cod and 4500 pounds of halibut, selling the latter at that port at nine cents per pound for white and seven cents for gray. The price here at Gloucester on that day for halibut was 10 cents for white and 8 cents for gray, all of which causes once more the ejaculation, "Gloucester isn't"—but after all what is the use of again repeating what has now come to be an admitted state of affairs.

Tried Torching in Annisquam River.

One of the guinea boats tried torching in Annisquam river Tuesday night but did not get many herring.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Bait continues scarce at Provincetown.

LITTLE DEMAND FOR GROUND FISH

T WHARF DEALERS HAVE FEW ORDERS AND PRICES AT LOWEST EBB.

The thirteen arrivals at T wharf today do not create as much excitement as would one trip of fresh mackerel, for the market is very dull on ground fish and even codfish have fallen down. There is little demand for groundfish and the dealers and their corps of helpers do not have to put in a very strenuous day to fill orders.

Haddock, as usual predominate, but there is a fair showing of cod. Two of the steam trawlers have small catches but the sailing crafts generally are fairly well fished. Sch. Teazer of the halibut fleet, with 8000 pounds of halibut, 4000 pounds of salt cod and 45,000 pounds of hake and cusk, has the largest trip.

Haddock are selling at \$1 and \$1.50 and large cod are going at \$2.25 and \$3. Hake are down to \$1 and a few pollock brought \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are: Sch. Alice, 14,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 2500 halibut. Sch. Jessie Costa, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 hake. Sch. Teazer, 4000 salt cod, 20,000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 8000 halibut. Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake. Sch. Nettie Franklin, 800 haddock, 4000 cod, 2500 hake. Sch. Emilia Enos, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake. Sch. Athena, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod. Sch. Mina Swim, 20,000 cod. Steamer Crest, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Annie Perry, 17,000 haddock, 6000 cod. Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 18,000 cod. Sch. Rose Dorothea, 14,000 cod, 4000 hake. Steamer Foam, 32,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2; pollock, \$3; hake, \$1; cusk, \$1.15; the market is very dull.

Knocked Overboard by Swordfish.

Lawrence Donohue of sch. Priscilla, which arrived at T wharf yesterday morning, had quite an experience while chasing a 300-pound swordfish. The fish had been speared and the barrel-buoy thrown overboard when Donohue left the schooner with another man to secure it. The buoy was got aboard the dory and most of the line hauled in when suddenly the swordfish turned and made for the boat. Donohue held the lance, but before he could use it the swordfish hurled itself completely out of the water and over the dory's gunwale, knocking Donohue into the water. The other man grabbed the lance from Donohue's hand and dispatched the fish, while Donohue crawled aboard, none the worse for his experience.

Sch. Priscilla struck good fishing on Georges, the southeast part, getting 44 fish in one day.

Sardine Herring Scarce.

Maine sardine packers are in for another bad year, according to the present indications. Sardine herring are very scarce along the whole Maine coast. According to a captain who came in at Portland yesterday, a man who wanted to land a few for the packers scoured the whole of the western part of the Maine coast without finding a herring. There are none to be found on the eastern part of the coast and factories from Boothbay to Eastport are idle. Unless the small herring strike in soon, this will be the poorest season in years, even worse than last year.

T Wharf Commission Man.

The T wharf column of the Boston Globe of last evening said: "Everybody was surprised this morning to hear that word of his marriage had been received from Zenas B. Conley, one of the best known commission men of T wharf. He left the dock about a week ago, ostensibly on his vacation and was not heard from until yesterday, when the notices of his marriage to Miss Emma F. Cleaves of Rockport was received at the wharf."

FEW ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

HADDOCK FARE FROM BOSTON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND A FEW SHORE SEINERS.

This morning early the harbor was a total blank as far as fish arrivals were concerned for nothing came in during the night. Yesterday afternoon sch. Mary E. Cooney brought 45,000 pounds of haddock down from Boston to split and three or four of the shore seiners had loads of bluebacks.

Just before noon two of the halibut fleet, schs. Rhodora and Gov. Foss arrived with good fares.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh haddock. Steamer Marchant, shore, 75 bbls. bluebacks, 30 fresh mackerel. Steamer Bessie A., shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks, 40 fresh mackerel. Steamer Florence and Mildred, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks, 200 fresh mackerel, (went to Boston). Sch. Rhodora, halibuting, 22,000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Gov. Foss, halibuting. Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston. Sch. Mary J. Ward, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Electric Flash, seining. Sch. W. H. Reed, swordfishing. Sch. Mettacomet, swordfishing. Sloop Minerva, swordfishing. Sloop Sylvester, swordfishing. Sch. Corsair, drifting. Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddock-fing. Sch. Arkona, dory handling. Sch. Appomattox, drifting. Sch. Etta Mildred, drifting. Sch. Winifred, drifting. Sch. Volant, drifting. Sch. Margaret Dillon, halibuting. Sch. Juno, halibuting. Sch. Elk, halibuting. Sch. Lillian, swordfishing. Sch. Cherokee, swordfishing. Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, swordfishing. Sch. Valerie, shacking. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-fing. Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, shacking. Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining. Sch. Squanto, seining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl. Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50. Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3. Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½. Haddock, \$2.00. Pollock, \$1.75. Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.75. Eastern shack trip cod, \$4.12½ for large and \$3.62½ for medium. All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt. Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt. Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums. Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1. Dressed pollock, 90 cts. round, 80 cts. Bank halibut, 10c per lb., for white, and 8c for gray. Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05. Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums. Fresh large mackerel 15c and 17c each; small, 4c each.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared. Sch. Elmer E. Gray was at Shelburne, N. S., Monday and cleared. Sch. Nellie Dixon was at Provincetown Tuesday for harbor.

Fresh Cod Sales.

The fares of fresh codfish of sch. Fannie Belle Atwood and the salt handline Georges cod fare of sch. Cecil H. Low sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company.